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In re patent application of: Brust et al.

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For:

Peptides Derived From A Retrovirus of the HIV Group and Their Use

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement of October 10, 2003. Applicants do not believe that any extension of time fees are needed. In the event this is not correct, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's account number 08/1641. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 24-35, with traverse. Applicants traverse the requirement as it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine the other groups at the same time.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional application directed to nonelected subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the instant application on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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